

Appln. No.: 09/892,611
Amendment dated December 20, 2004
Reply to Office Action of November 24, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The office action of November 24, 2004 has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Applicants hereby elect Group 2 without traverse. Claims 1-9 and 46-51 have accordingly been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to pursue in one or more divisional applications. Claims 10-45 thus remain pending in this application. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested.

All rejections having been addressed, applicant respectfully submits that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicits prompt notification of the same. However, if for any reason the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance or there are any questions, the examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (202) 824-3153.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated this 20 day of Dec., 2004

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